

**THE FIRST ANTIPHON**

The heavens describe the Glory of God, and the firmament proclaims the making of his hands. *(Ps. 18:1)*

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

Day belches out word to day, and night proclaims knowledge to night. *(Ps 18:2)*

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

Their voice went out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the inhabited world. *(Ps 18:4)*

**Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Amen. **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us!**

**THE SECOND ANTIPHON**

The Lord hear you in the day of affliction, the name of the God of Jacob shield you. *(Ps.19:1)*

**O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

May he send you help from the holy place, and from Sion take hold of you. *(Ps 19:2)*

**O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

May he remember your every sacrifice, and your whole burnt offering let him fatten. *(Ps 19:3)*

**O Good Comforter, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and to the ages of ages.

Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...

**THE THIRD ANTIPHON**

**O Lord, in your power the king will be gladdened, and in your salvation will rejoice greatly.** *(Ps. 20:1)*

**Tone 8** Blessed are You, O Christ our God, You have revealed the fishermen as most wise by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit, and through them You drew the world into Your net. // O Lover of Man, glory to You!

**His heart's desire you gave him, and of the will of his lips you did not deprive him.** *(Ps 20:2)*

**Tone 8** Blessed are You, O Christ our God;...

**For you came before him with blessings of kindness, you set upon his head a crown of precious stone.** *(Ps 20:3)*

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**TROPARIA**

**Tone 8** Blessed are You, O Christ our God,  
You have revealed the fishermen as most wise  
by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit,  
and through them You drew the world into Your net. //  
O Lover of Man, glory to You!

**Tone 4** In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith,  
a model of meekness, and teacher of abstinence,  
so you won the heights by humility, and riches by poverty,  
O Holy Father Nicholas,  
intercede with Christ God to save our souls.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages.**

**Amen. KONTAKION**

**Tone 8** Coming down, the Most High confused the tongues,  
and divided the nations;  
when he divided the tongues of fire,  
he called all to unity, / and with one voice we glorify// the all-holy Spirit.

## THE APOSTLE

**Priest:** Let us attend! Peace to all!

**Reader:** **And to your spirit!**

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** **The prokeimenon in the third tone: My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.** *(Luke 1:46-47)*

**Cantor:** My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**Reader:** **For He has regarded the low estate of His handmaiden; for behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed.** *(Luke 1:48)*

**Cantor:** My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**Reader:** **My soul magnifies the Lord**

**Cantor:** and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

**Priest:** Wisdom!

**Reader:** **The reading from the epistle of the apostle Paul to the Romans (1:18-27)**

**Priest:** Let us attend!

**Reader:** **Brethren, the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man – and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.**

**Priest:** Peace to you (who have read)!

**Reader:** **And to your spirit! Alleluia in the eighth tone.**

**Cantor:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Reader:** **Hear, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.** *(Psalm 44:10)*

**Cantor:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Reader:** **Your face the rich of the people will entreat.** *(Psalm 44:12)*

**Cantor:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Matthew 5:20-26

*(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)*

Rejoice, O Queen, glory of mothers and virgins! / No tongue, however sweet or fluent, is eloquent enough to praise you worthily. / Every mind is overawed by your childbearing. / Therefore, with one voice, we glorify you.

**COMMUNION HYMN** Your good Spirit will guide me in a straight land. *(Ps. 142:12)* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!